

ICSOM Governing Board Call – 11/5/10

Bruce Ridge, Brian Rood, Laura Ross, Michael Moore, Richard Levine, Matt Comerford, Paul Gunther, Cathy Payne, Meredith Snow

1. Conference, Detroit 2011

- a. Hotel selection – following submissions from 10 hotels in the Detroit metropolitan area, Brian recommends we accept the bid from the Dearborn Hyatt Regency. While Dearborn is not in downtown Detroit, it is considered part of Detroit and presents the best choice based on a variety of factors which he discussed.

Brian reported that Local 5 President Gordon Stump knows someone with a transportation business that can work to arrange transportation to downtown Detroit, if necessary. After notifying the DSO musicians of our choice, a press release will be posted on Orchestra-L and Delegate-L.

- b. Press release – Bruce has sent a draft press release to the DSO musicians about conference selection for comment.
- c. Assistant conference coordinator – Robert Levine has notified Laura that he will no longer be available to serve as assistant conference coordinator. Laura said it is necessary to find someone who can be involved from year to year. The board agreed this position should be renamed conference coordinator and the local orchestra musician will serve as assistant or host coordinator.

MSC [Laura/Michael] to identify new year-to-year conference coordinator who would receive a \$1,000 honorarium.

Laura will bring potential candidates for confirmation to next call. She will also speak with Dave Everson, who had expressed interest in serving as conference coordinator in Detroit next summer, before the next call.

2. Detroit Call to Action

The Call to Action has already raised more than \$41,000 and more is anticipated in future weeks. Unofficial discussions between musicians and management have begun again and include a news blackout.

3. Senza Sordino

- a. Content for December issue – While it will include a prominent tribute to Fred Zenone, it will also include Bruce's column and a review of Michael Kaiser's new book, Laura will submit a column that will also include a pension trustee report (with Brian contributing as well), Michael has requested a reminder box about ICSOM dues, and a possible article on a timely issue by Susan Martin.
- b. Fred Zenone salute(s) – Len Leibowitz has submitted a tribute for inclusion. Following discussion it was agreed that Richard will craft a message asking for submissions from friends, colleagues, former ICSOM chairs and others.

Bruce received a message from Bill Foster regarding the upcoming memorial; he will contact Bill regarding posting an announcement on Orchestra-L.

- c. Deadline – it was hoped the issue would be received before Christmas.

4. ICSOM archives – Following a brief discussion, Laura agreed to speak with Tom Hall, and explore the possibility of visiting Robert Levine, who has possession of ICSOM's archives, during an upcoming visit to Chicago.

5. Orchestra updates

- a. Fort Worth – another mediation session has been scheduled for next Wednesday.
- b. Louisville – on the eve of the orchestra's 75th anniversary, management is attempting to cut the budget by \$1.6M. Following a phone call between Bruce, Michael Kaiser, the LO committee chair, executive director and board chair, Kaiser has agreed that, if the board agrees to read both his books, he will come to Louisville.

6. George Cohen/FMCS meeting in DC, November 8 – this is not the meeting originally envisioned but Bruce will attend along with Ray Hair, Carla Lehmeier-Tatum and Chris Durham.

7. AFM-EPF issues

- a. AFM-EPF – Brian reported on the recent trustees meeting that included an additional day of trustee education. One outcome of the meetings was the formation of a special committee to look at all options of the Fund’s plan design, investments, etc. Committee members will work with the Fund investment advisors, actuaries, counsel; members are Bill Thomas, Chris Brockmeyer and Phil Yao (co-chairs of the investment committee), Bill Moriarity and Brian Rood. Their first meeting is mid-December in Chicago.

It was reported that ICSOM received an appreciative note from Mike Greenfield regarding the resolution honoring him that was adopted at the 2010 conference. Brian also reported that Local 10-208 President Gary Matts expressed his appreciation for ICSOM’s representation at the dinner honoring Mike Greenfield’s retirement in Chicago on October 11.

8. Mid-winter scheduling – Bruce explained that complications have arisen regarding the dates the board had selected for the meeting in March. He will send possible dates via email.
9. Next GB conference call – Dec. 5 at 10PM EST/9PM CST/7PM PST